Culverts on the road from the Kulanada market to Omallur.

363. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the ryots' road running from the Kulanada market (between the 66th and 67th milestones M. C. road) to Omallur has been taken by the Public Works Department for maintenance; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that traffic has been suspended owing to the damage caused by the three culverts put up by the ryots on the above road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Motor traffic alone has been suspended on this route, but motor vehicles can use the Kadakad-Kaipattur road.

MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHU TOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*): കുളനാട്-ഓമല്ലൂർ റോഡിൽ ഒരു കലുംകുകെട്ടാൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറു വല്ല വ്യവസ്ഥയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അതിനു ടുത്തുതന്നെ സൌകര്യമായ വേറെ ഒരു റോഡുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു ഇതിലേക്കു പണം ചിലവുചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Teachers in Grant-in-aid Schools.

364. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that managers of grant-in-aid schools dispense with the services of teachers under them for no reason whatever?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Particulars re women teachers appointed by the present Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

365. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names, previous acting service and the year of passing the examination, of the women teachers appointed, acting or permanent, in each District since the present Inspectress took charge of her office?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government consider that the collection of the information asked for will involve an amount of labour out of all proportion to the benefit that can be derived from it.

Statement re those who passed the V. S. L. C. Examination from the Girls' Schools in District V.

366. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of

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those who passed the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination from the Girls' Schools in District V in the years 1101, 1102 and 1103, the names, the previous acting service and the year of passing the examination, of the women teachers appointed acting or permanent?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state whether any of those persons who had passed their examinations and had been given acting appointments prior to those who were appointed as aforesaid are without permanent or acting appointments at present (16-3-1104); and

(*c*) if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of such persons?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) The Government do not propose to call for the information as in their opinion the time and labour involved in collecting it will be out of all proportion to the public utility derived from it.

Appointments in the women's branch of the Education Department.

367. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any provision made in the women's branch of the Education Department that appointments as women teachers would be made only in accordance with the order of the year of passing the examination; and

(*b*) if so, whether any person has been appointed in violation of that provision?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, this does not arise.

Disparity between the pay of the Headmasters of V. M. Schools and the teachers of Class VII.

368. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Are the Government aware that the difference in pay between the Headmasters of V. M. Schools and the teachers of Class VII is very great, while their qualifications are the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are aware that there is a difference in pay between the Headmasters of Vernacular Middle Schools and the teachers of Class VII, but the difference is not greater than the difference in their duties-warrants.

Illicit tapping of trees before they are marked and numbered.

369. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Are the Government are aware:

(*a*) that, on their application, the contractors are allowed to prepare the spathes of trees to be tapped before they have been marked and numbered; and

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